Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is home of Raymond George Mentele, and we are richer because Ray lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ray was born on September 30, 1937, in Canova, South Dakota, to Frank and Marie Mentele, grew up in Miner County, graduated from Canova High School in 1955, and was called up to the National Guard during the Berlin Crisis; and,

Whereas, Ray married Kathy Mae Lowe Mentele on September 16, 1961, settled in Mitchell, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with two children, Eric and Susan, and three grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ray resides in Mitchell and will observe his 80th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him a happy 80th birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State